support operations for oilseeds, namely Groundnut, Soyabean and Sunflower seed for a period of 5 years with effect from 1985-86 Kharif season. NAFED has finalised the arrangement with the State Cooperative Marketing Federation and the Oilseeds Growers Federations. These organisations would act as agents of NAFED and operate through local farmers' cooperatives. To. facilitate the operations, purchase centres have been identified, storage arrangements made and working capital assured. The cooperatives would make purchases at 560 centres in Madhya Pradesh, 150 centres in Uttar Pradesh, 40 centres in Rajasthan and 20 centres each in Gujarat and Maharashtra. Under the Scheme, during the current Kharif season, a total quantity of 81,000 Mts of Soyabean has been purchased from Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan upto 10-12-1985.

(d) Yes, Sir. The purchases made by NAFED during the period, year-wise are as under:—

Year	Quantity Purchased (in MTs)
1977-78	2,054
1978-79	65,917
1979-80	18,291
1980-81	10

(e) The production of Soyabean in the country increased from 1.83 lakh tonnes in 1977-78 to 9.34 lakh tonnes in 1984-85. The estimates of production for 1985-86 have not yet been firmed up. A variety of factors contribute to increasing production. Price support scheme is a motivating measure in this regard,

Agricultural development in backward areas

2579. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have urged the industrial sector to help accelerate agricultural development especially in remote and backward regions;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the growth rate in farm production estimated at 6.2 per cent during the Sixth Plan outpaced the growth in industrial output which was only about 5.5 per cent;

(c) whether there are any proposals under Government's consideration for improving the export of agricultural commodities during 1985-86; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The foodgrains production increased from 109.70 million tonnes in 1979-80 to 146.22 million tonnes in 1984-85, recording a growth of 5.92 per cent per annum during the Sixth Plan period. It may, however, be mentioned that as against the actual figures of 109.70 million tonnes in 1979-80, if the assumed figures of 127.86 million tonnes are taken as the base, the growth rate works out to 2.72 per cent. During the same period Index Numbers of Agricultural Production for All Commodities increased from 117.0 in 1979-80 to 153.6 (provisional index) in 1984-85, depicting a growth rate of 5.59 per cent per annum.

In the case of industrial production, the General Index increased from 148.1 in 1979-80 to 195.1 (provisional index) in 1984-85, showing a growth rate of 5.69 per cent annum during the Sixth Plan period.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Several steps have taken to augment exports of agricultural commodities. These include grant of C.C.S. (Cash Compensatory Scheme) and identification and development of new markets. A statutory Authority to promote export of agricultural commodities is being set up by the Ministry of Commerce.

Amendment to the Emblems and Names Act

2580. SHRI M. BASAVARAJU: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering amendments in the Emblems and Names (Prevention of Improper Use) Act, 1950 prohibiting the use of names of certain national leaders for certain purposes; and

(b) if so, by when the amendments are likely to be made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Cauvery-Delta Modernisation Scheme

2581. SHRI M. BASAVARAJU: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government are considering the Cauvery delta modernisation scheme for the benefit of Southern States;

(b) if so, what are the modalities of the scheme; and

(c) whether the concerned States have considered the scheme under the guidelines given by the Central Government and if so, what is the out-come thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) The project report on Cauvery Delta modernisation Rhase I received in the Central Water Commission envisages modernisation of the irrigation system to cover an area of 70,000 hectares at an estimated cost of Rs. 102.50 crores and involves inter-State aspects concerning sharing of Cauvery river waters. The scheme was considered at inter-State meeting recently convened by the Centre but no consensus could be reached at among the concerned States. The Tamil Nadu Government has been requested to identify the quantum of savings in water use on account of the modernisation project.

Diversion of Self-Financing Scheme Funds for the Construction of a Hotel

2582. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in October, 1979 Rs. 18 crores collected by the Delhi Development Authority under the Self-financing Scheme was diverted for construction of a five star hotel for the ASIAD which has remained in complete;

(b) whether it is also a fact that tenders were invited from the hoteliers in May & July 1982 and in July, 1985 to manage the hotel;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for diverting the amount collected under the Self-financing Scheme for hotel construction and to what extent the housing scheme has been delayed as a consequence thereof;

(d) whether any decision has been taken by Government with regard to the tenders received for the management of the hotel; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) if the answer to part (d) above in the negative; what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Tenders were invited from the hoteliers in May, 1982. Fresh offers were invited in July, 1982 after adding office/shopping arcade comprising 47 units. Based on these tenders, ITC was approached to take up the same. They showed their inability in Febrauary, 1984 on the grounds that there had been lot of changes during the intervening period. Therefore, fresh tenders were invited in July, 1984 (and not July, 1985).

(c) Does not arise in view of the reply to part (a) above.

(d) and (e) No decision has been taken in the matter. Various suggestions are under consideration.

Drinking Water and Sanitation Facility in Villages

2583. SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the target fixed during 1981 to 1985 for providing drinking water to all rural areas and for extension of sewage and sanitation facilities have not been fulfilled;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;